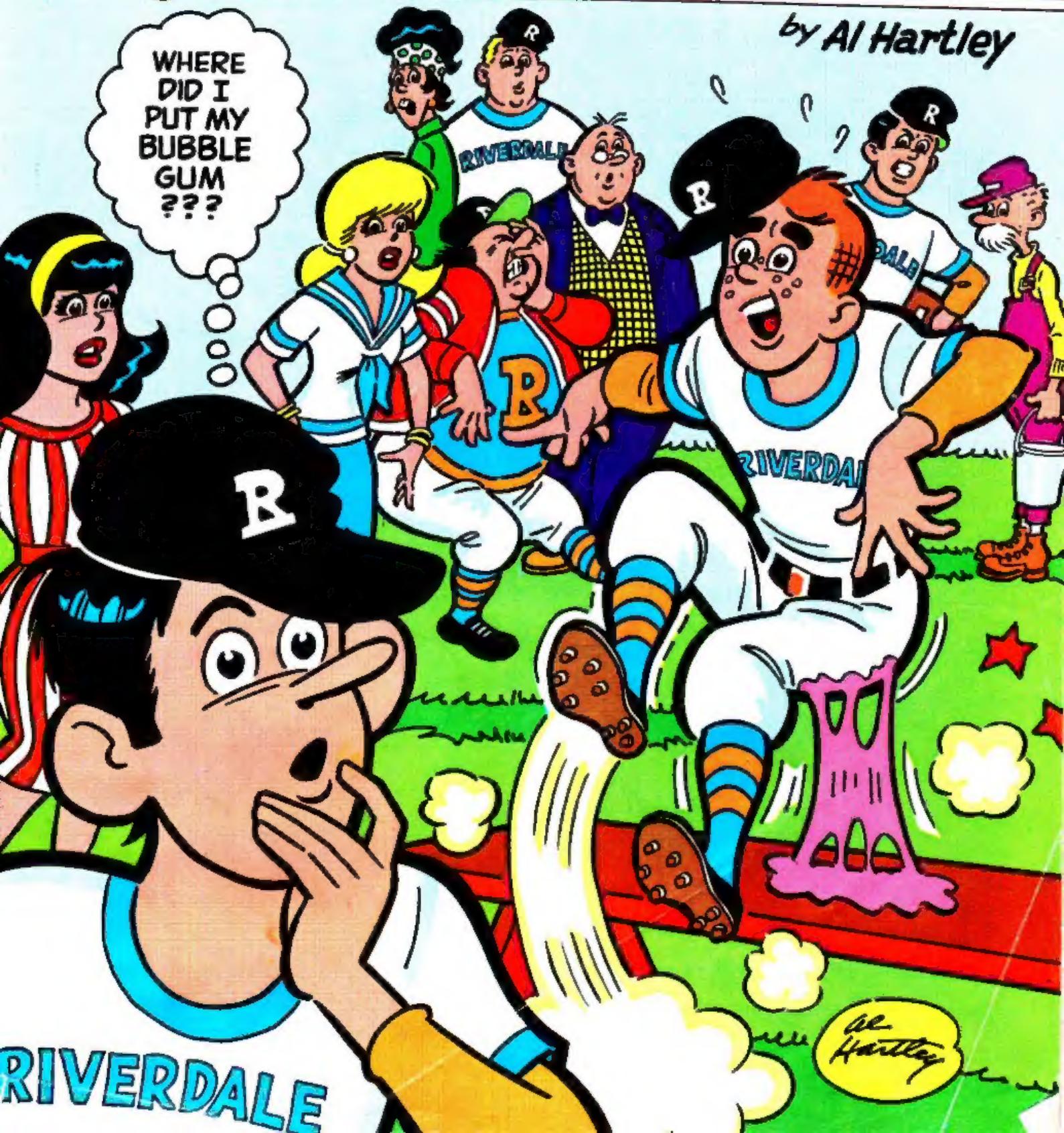


SPIRE

Archie's Sports Scene

by Al Hartley

WHERE
DID I
PUT MY
BUBBLE
GUM
???



The Adventures of Archie and His Friends

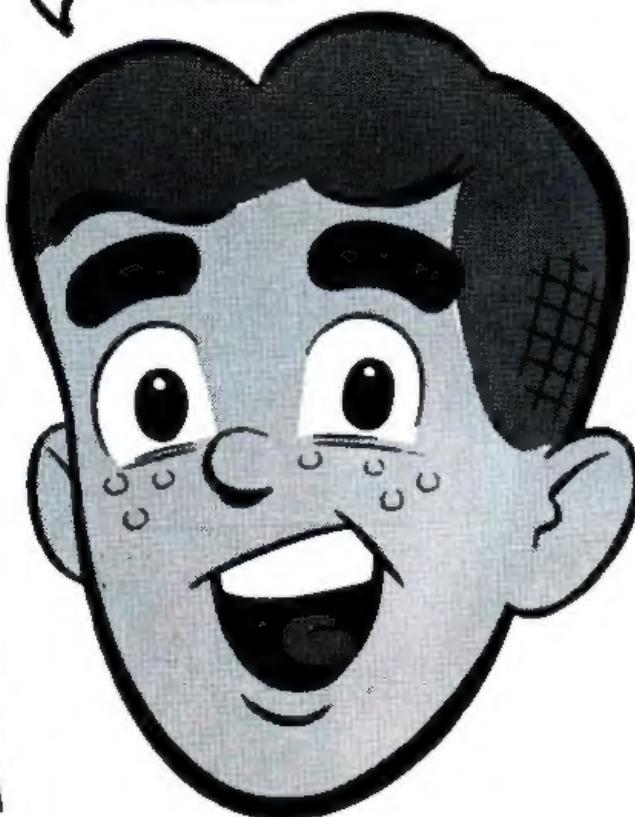
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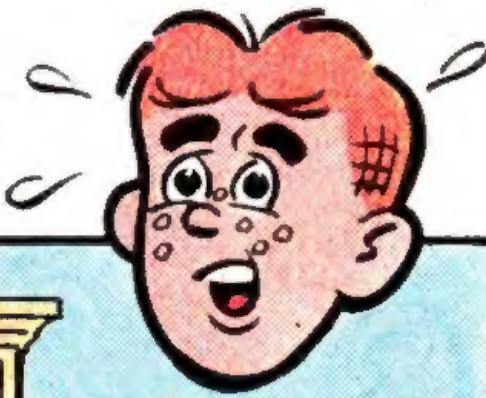
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Archie

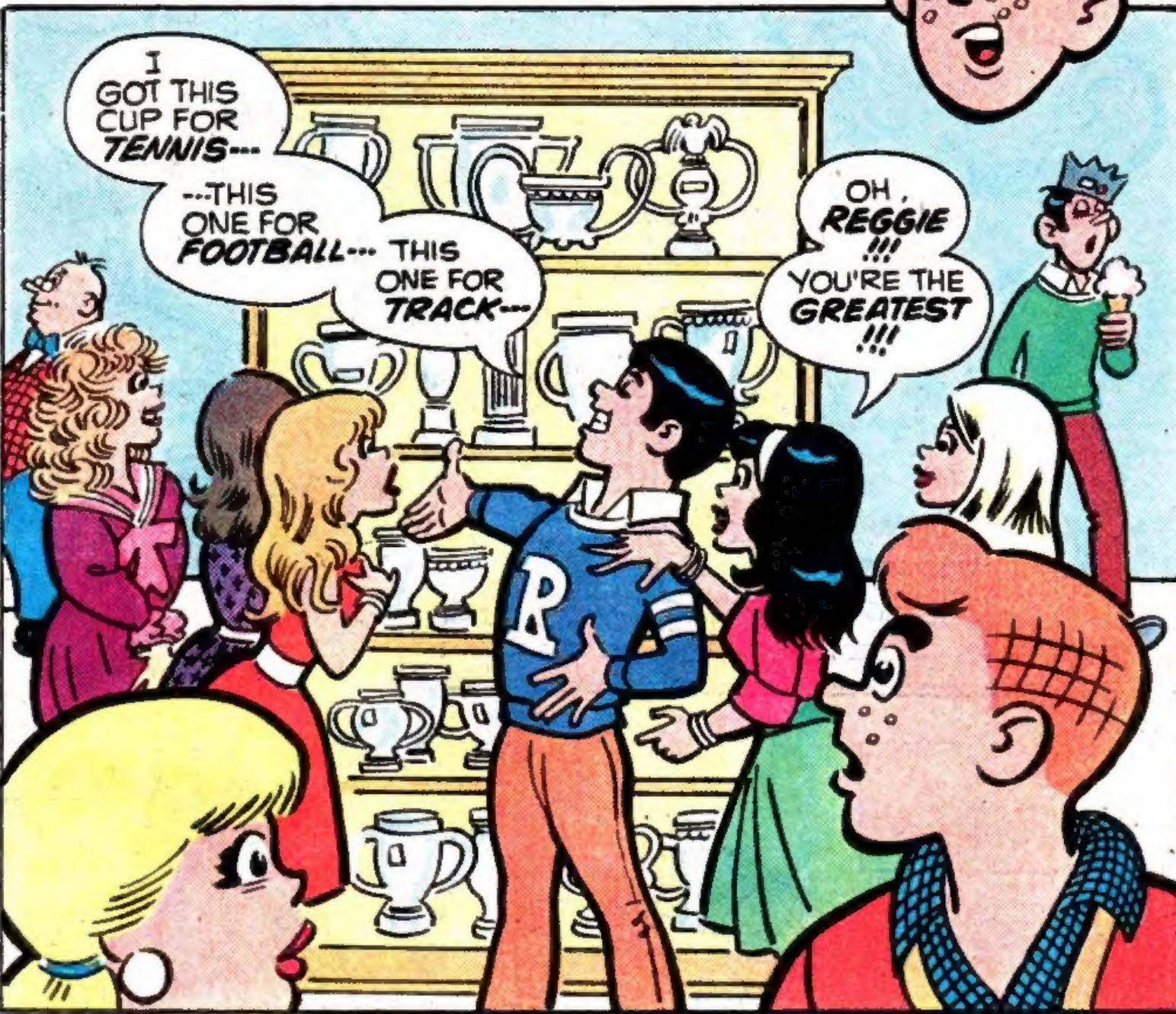
EMPTY
CUP!



I GOT THIS CUP FOR TENNIS...

...THIS ONE FOR FOOTBALL... THIS ONE FOR TRACK...

OH, REGGIE !!!
YOU'RE THE GREATEST !!!



WHICH CUP DID YOU GET, ARCH?

GASP!

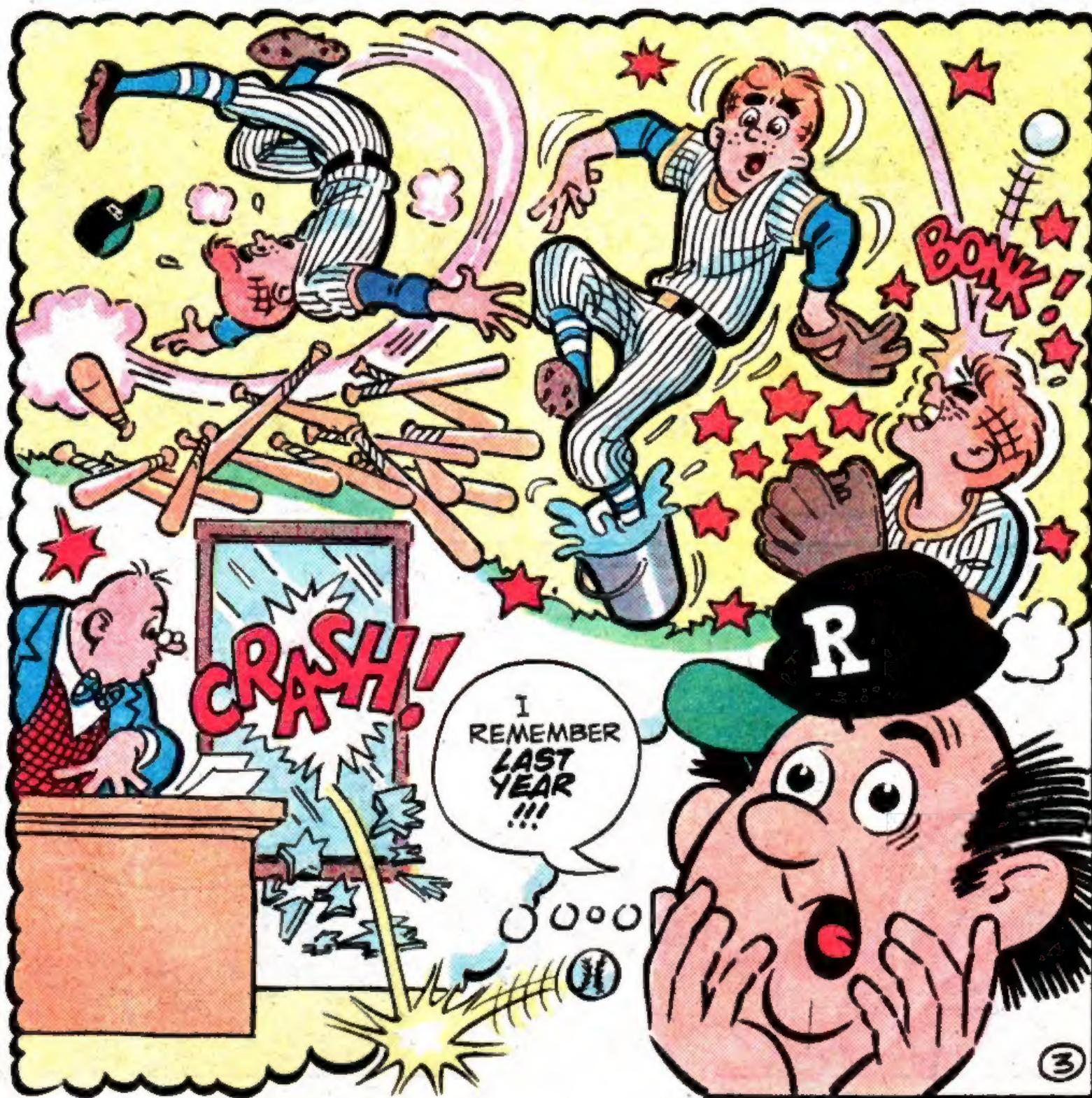
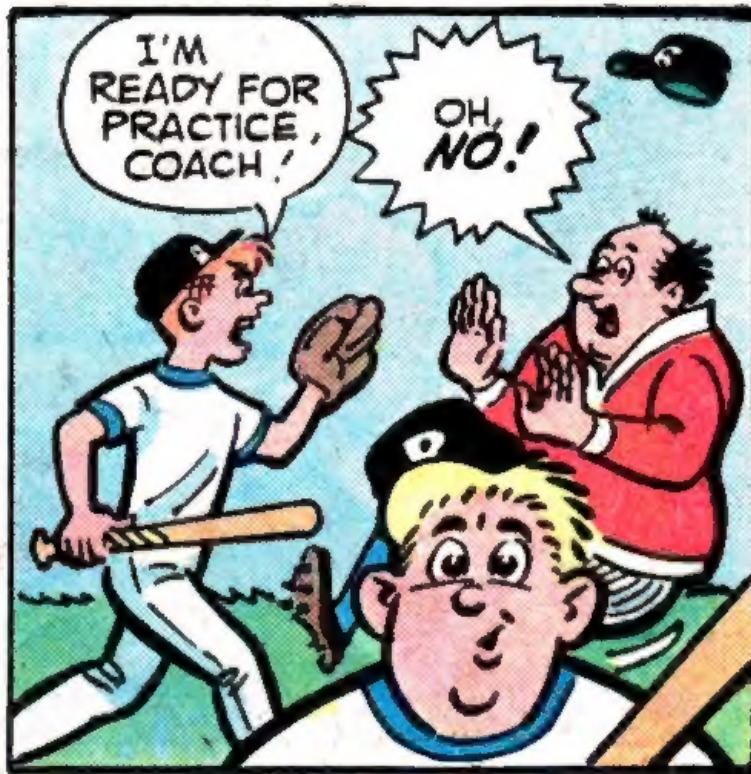


HMMPH !!!
ARCHIE COULDN'T GET A DIXIE CUP AT A PICNIC!

WISE GUY !!!
I'LL SHOW HIM !!!







PLEASE,
COACH...

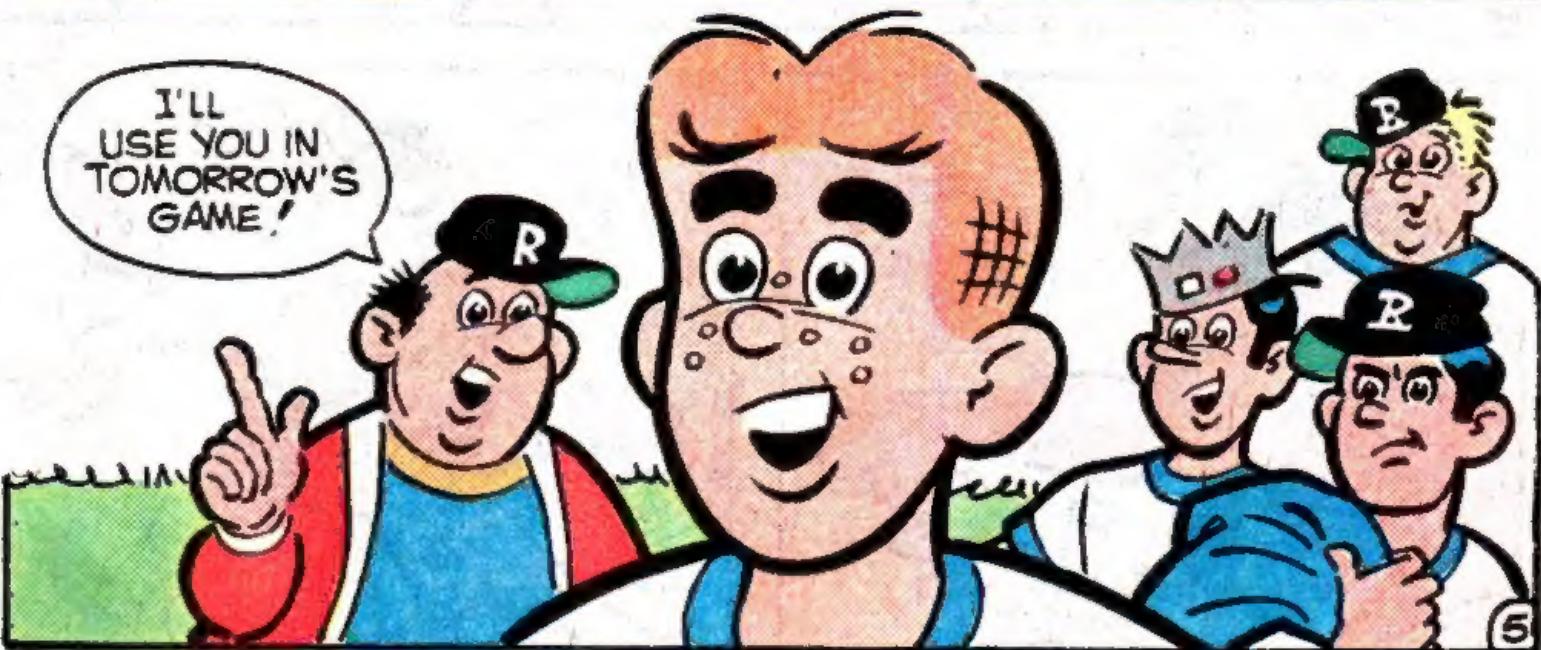
... GIVE ME
ANOTHER
CHANCE !

SIGH !

OKAY !

GO RUN
LAPS WITH
THE SQUAD
!!!





YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

Archie

SILLY SLUGGER!

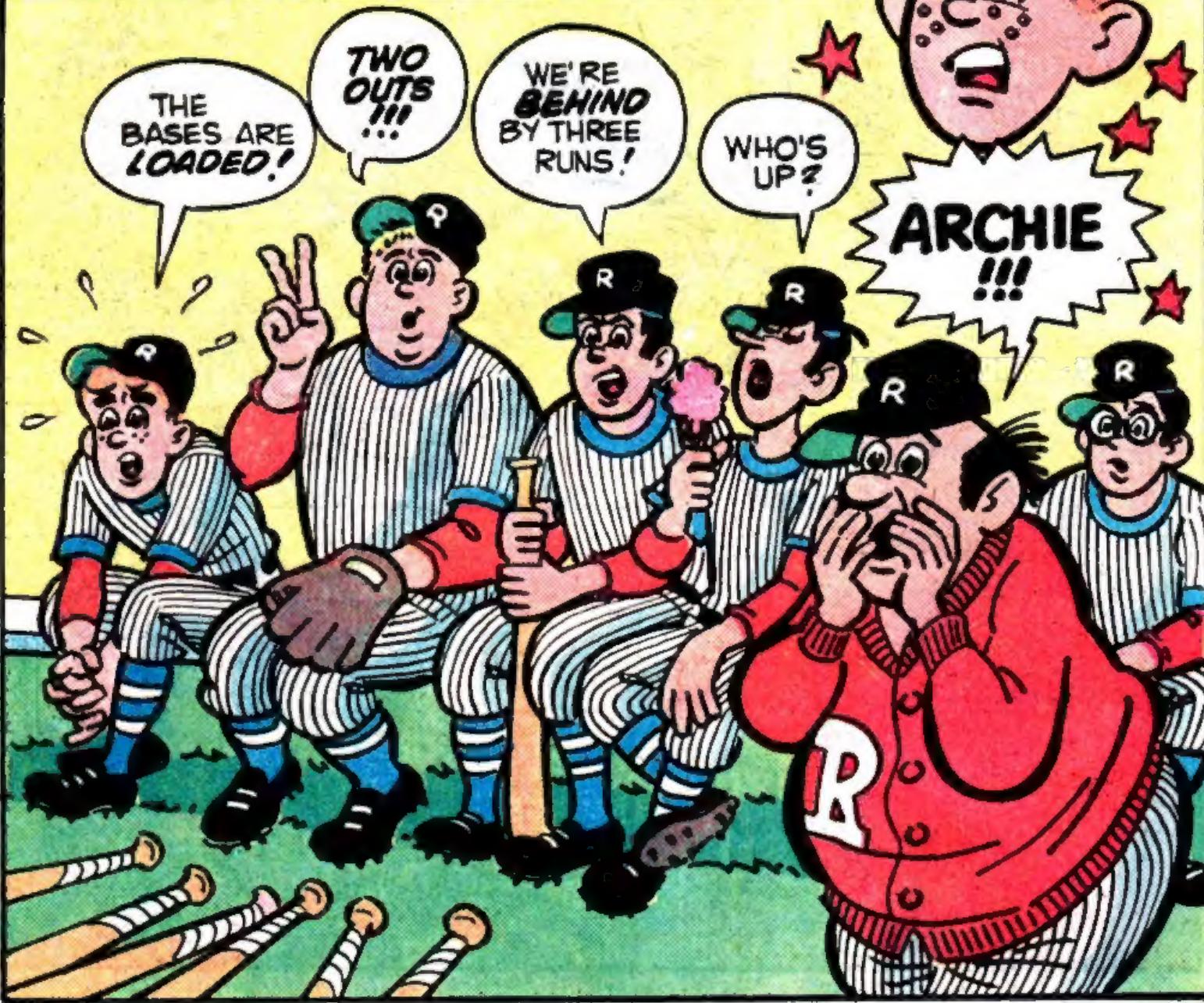
THE BASES ARE LOADED!

TWO OUTS!!!

WE'RE BEHIND BY THREE RUNS!

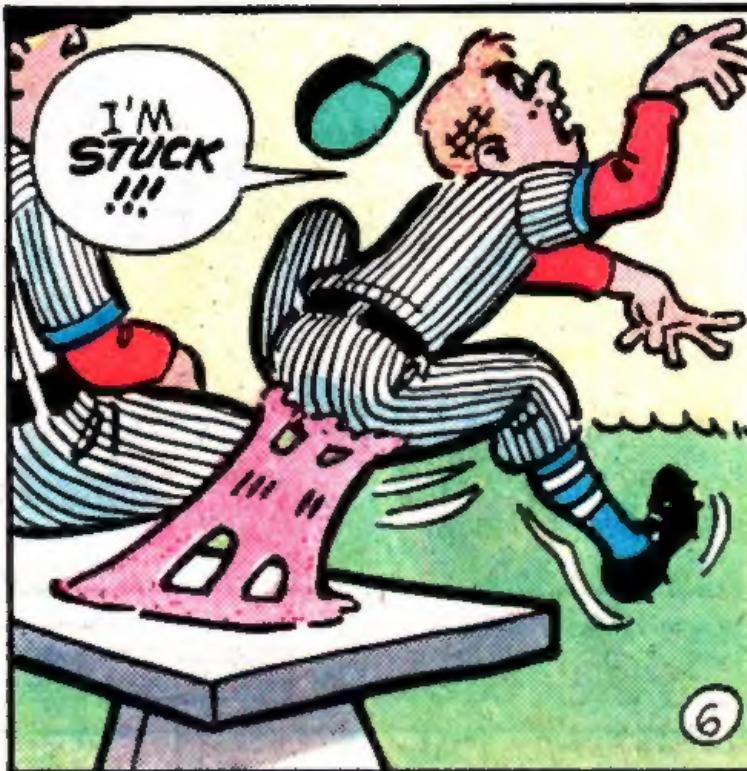
WHO'S UP?

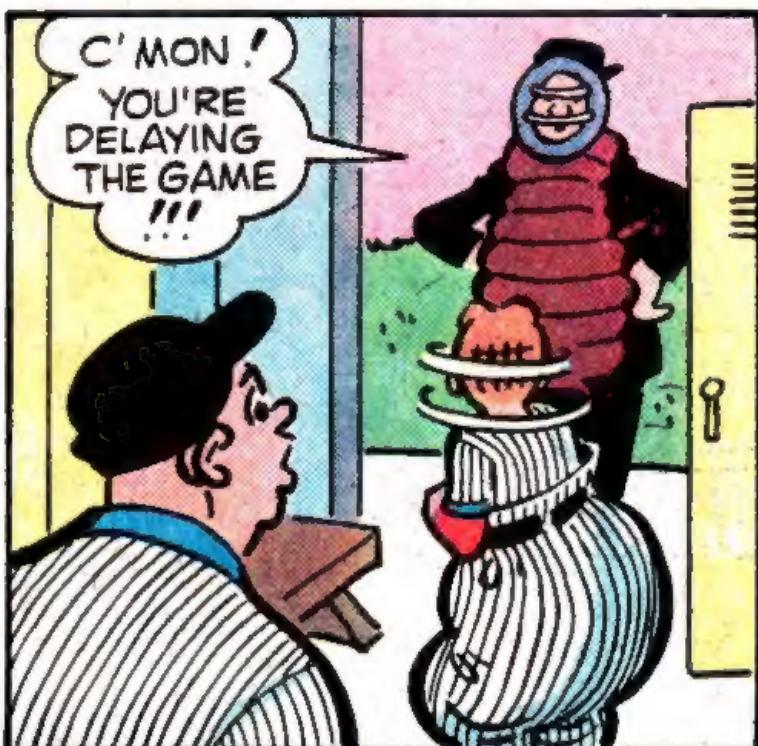
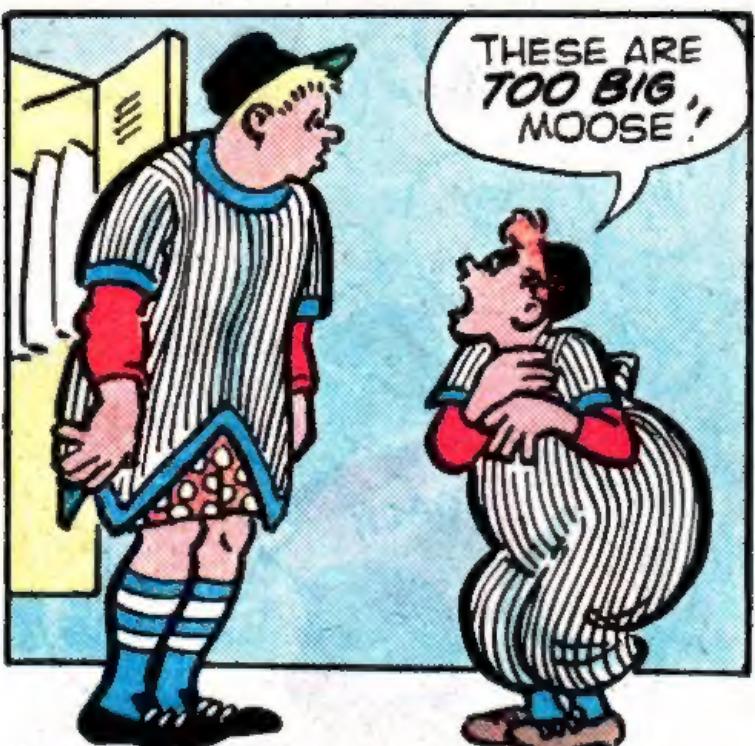
ARCHIE!!!



WELL, C'MON, ARCH!
MOVE!!!

I'M STUCK!!!





**STRIKE
TWO!**



DON'T JUST
STAND THERE,
ARCHIE---

—SWING!



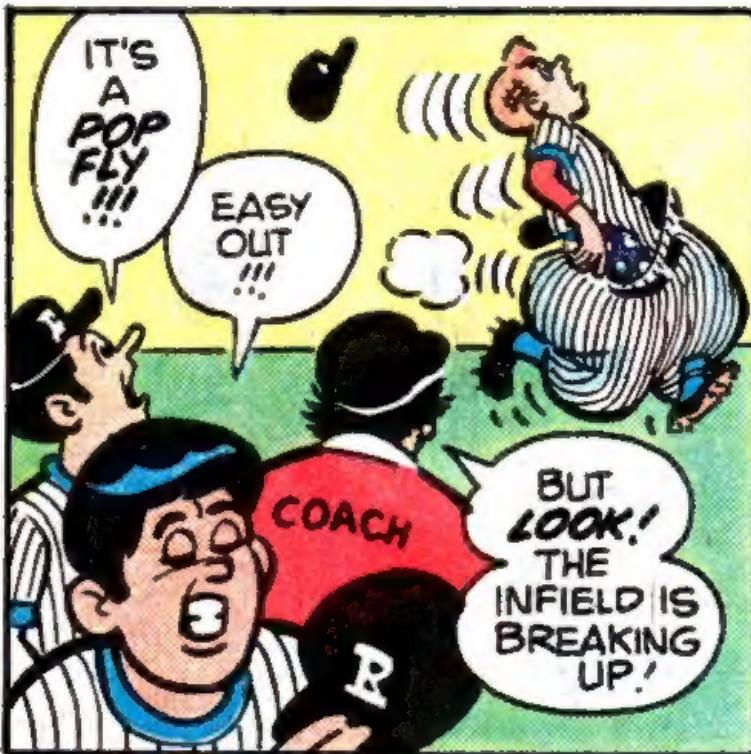
POK!



IT'S
A
POK
FLY
!!!

EASY
OUT
!!!

BUT
LOOK!
THE
INFIELD IS
BREAKING
UP!



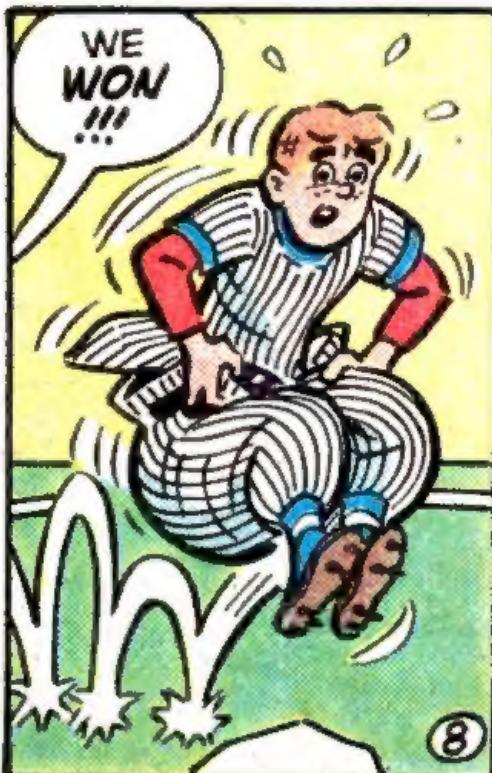
THEY'RE
LAUGHING
AT ARCHIE
!!!



THEY
MISSED
THE
BALL!



WE
WON
!!!



WE NEVER
WON A GAME
LIKE THIS BEFORE,
ARCHIE!

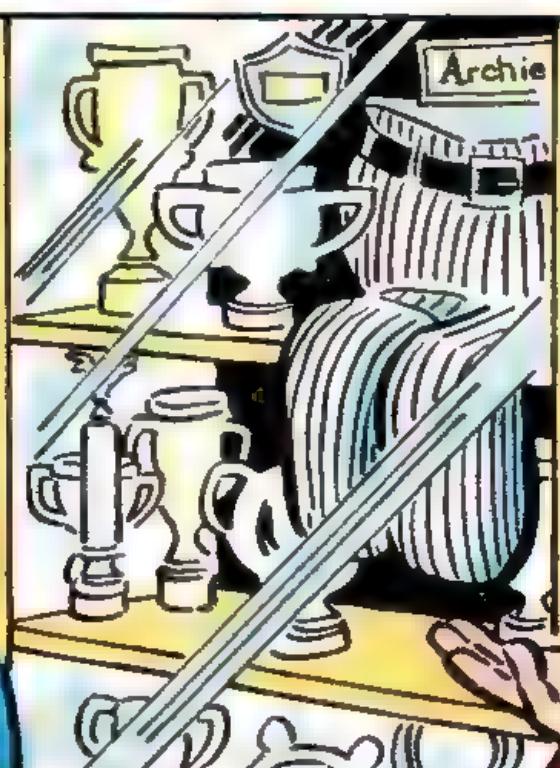
WE'RE
GOING TO ADD
A TROPHY IN
YOUR HONOR
!!!



LATER---

DID YOU
SEE THE
TROPHY CASE,
ARCH?

REGGIE DOESN'T
HAVE A MONOPOLY
ANYMORE!



THIS IS
RIDICULOUS
!!!

I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE
AGREED TO A
STUDENT-
FACULTY
GAME!

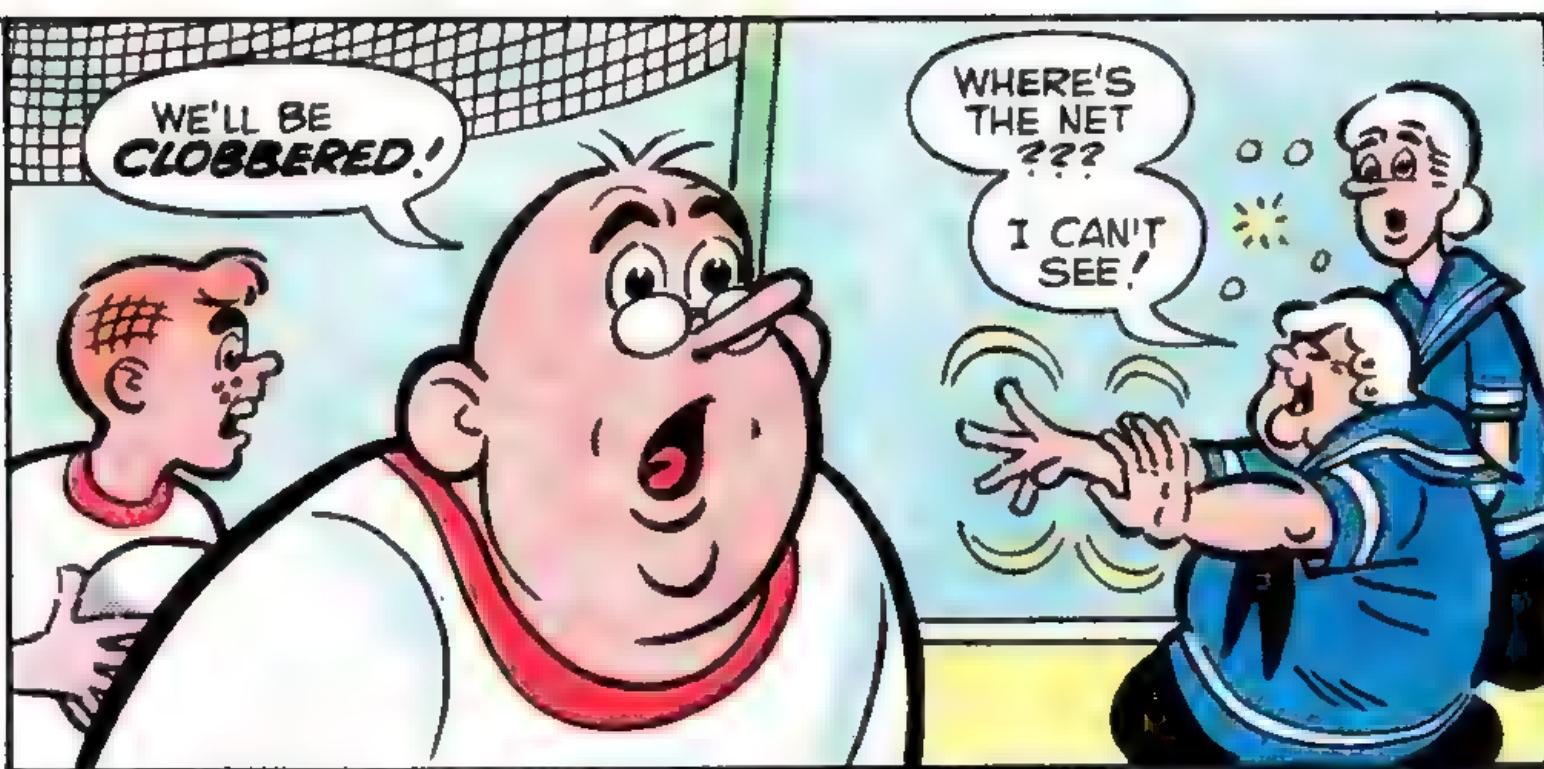
IT'S ONLY
VOLLEYBALL, MR.
WEATHERBEE!

IT'S ALSO
HUMILIATING!

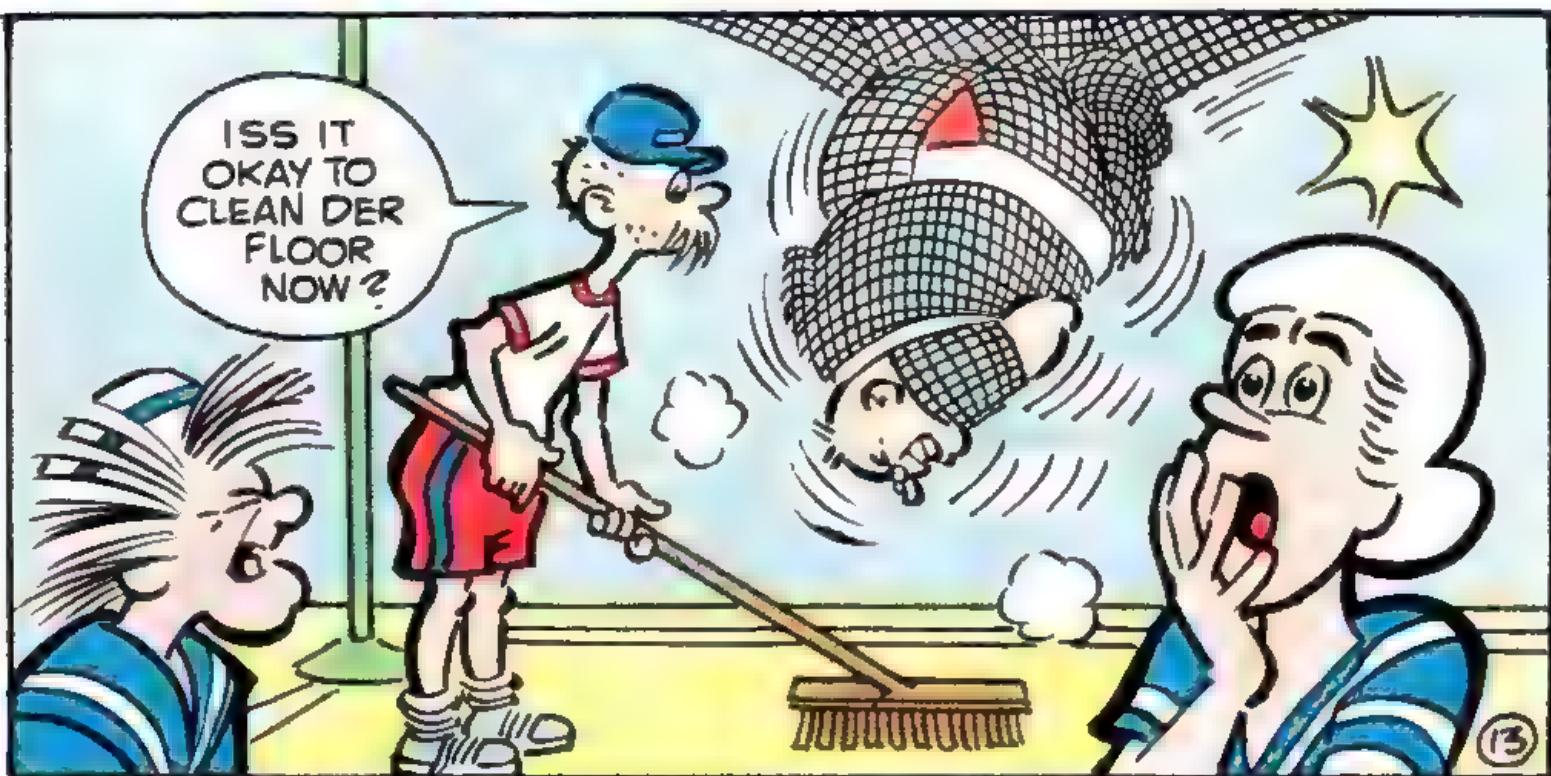
GOOD OL' MR. WEATHERBEE

LOOK
AT MY
TEAM!

GASP
!!!







Archie

TIME OUCH!



WE'LL
GIVE ARCHIE
THE BALL
AGAIN!

YOU'RE
KIDDING
!!!





TIME OUGH ISN'T OVER YET!

SPECIAL SECTION! WE GET



DEAR JUGHEAD:

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE EAT THE WAY YOU DO! IS THERE ANY FOOD YOU DON'T LIKE?

BEN R.
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

DEAR BEN:

I DIDN'T THINK I'D LIKE OCTOPUS, BUT IT REALLY GRABS YOU!

JUGHEAD

DEAR DILTON:

I NOTICE YOU READ A LOT OF BOOKS. HAVE YOU READ THE BIBLE? IF SO, WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION?

MELISSA R.
MORAVIA, N.Y.

DEAR MELISSA:

FOR A LONG TIME, I HAD AN INTELLECTUAL BIAS WHICH LED ME TO PERCEIVE THE BIBLE AS AN ANCIENT FAIRY TALE.

HOWEVER, I HAVE RECENTLY GOT INTO THE BIBLE AND CHANGED MY MIND COMPLETELY!

I BELIEVE IT IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD AND SPEAKS THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE!

DILTON

DEAR COACH KLEATS:

WHY DOESN'T RIVERDALE HIGH HAVE A SWIM TEAM?

GENE O.
MALIBU, CAL.

DEAR BETTY:

I WISH ARCHIE WOULD WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT A DOLL YOU ARE! WHY IS THE GRASS ALWAYS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE?

SANDY M.
LINCOLN, NEB.

DEAR SANDY:

I GUESS WE'RE ALL LIKE ARCHIE, WE OFTEN MISS THE GOOD THINGS RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS! HE HELPS US TO SEE THINGS AS THEY REALLY ARE!

BETTY

DEAR BIG MOOSE:

YOU NEVER SEEM TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING CLEVER TO SAY! DO YOU EVER GET ANY GOOD IDEAS?

KAY P.
BUSBY, MONT

DEAR KAY:

D-UH, I'M THINKING--

BIG MOOSE

DEAR GENE:

BECAUSE ARCHIE CAN'T DROWN IN ANY OF OUR OTHER SPORTS!

COACH KLEATS!

DEAR PROF.
FLUTESNOOT:

EVERY TIME ARCHIE WALKS INTO YOUR CHEMISTRY LAB, I KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN!

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO HAVE ARCHIE IN YOUR CLASS?

JANIE H.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA

DEAR JANIE:

WELL, MY NERVES ARE REALLY JANGLED! EVERY FORMULA ARCHIE MAKES EITHER BLOWS UP OR SMELLS LIKE ROTTEN EGGS! I'VE BEEN THINKING OF TEACHING A SAFER SUBJECT!

PROF. F.

DEAR MR.
WEATHERBEE:

I REALLY FEEL FOR YOU! YOU'VE FACED A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN ALL YOUR YEARS AS PRINCIPAL OF RIVERDALE HIGH! I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T QUIT!

PHIL D.
JENISON, MICH

DEAR PHIL:

WHEN I STARTED YEARS AGO, MY BIGGEST PROBLEM WAS RUNNING IN THE HALLS! NOW IT'S DRUGS! THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD FOR ARCHIE AND GANG! THEY GET THEIR VALUES FROM GOD!

MR. W.

SPECIAL SECTION! LETTERS!

DEAR REGGIE:

YOU'RE TOO MUCH! ALL YOU THINK OF IS YOURSELF AND HOW GREAT YOU ARE!

YOU NEVER SEEM TO CARE ABOUT OTHERS! DON'T YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF TEAMWORK?

CLARICE S.
ORLANDO, FL.

DEAR CLARICE:

I GUESS I DO COME ON PRETTY STRONG! BUT, LET'S FACE IT, I AM THE GREATEST! IF I EVER GET HUMBLE, I'LL BE SURE TO LET YOU KNOW! REGGIE

DEAR MISS BEAZLY:

I NEVER TASTED YOUR COOKING! IS IT AS BAD AS EVERYONE SAYS IT IS?

MABEL S.
AMARILLO, TEX

DEAR MABEL:

OF COURSE NOT! I PUT MY HEART INTO MY COOKING AND IT REALLY HURTS WHEN FOLKS TURN UP THEIR NOSES! MAYBE YOU COULD SEND ME SOME RECIPES!

MISS BEAZLY

DEAR READER:

I DIDN'T GET ANY LETTERS AT ALL!!!

MR. SVENSEN

DEAR MISS GRUNDY:

YOU ALWAYS STAY COOL, EVEN WHEN MR. WEATHERBEE BLOWS HIS TOP! HOW DO YOU DO IT? KRISTEN R.
TORONTO, ONTARIO

DEAR KRISTEN:

I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE! MY LORD JESUS IS VERY REAL TO ME AND HE KEEPS MY EMOTIONS UNDER CONTROL! OTHERWISE ARCHIE WOULD PROBABLY DRIVE ME UP THE WALL!

MISS GRUNDY

DEAR VERONICA:

YOU HAVE ALL THE THINGS EVERYONE DREAMS ABOUT, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T SEEM HAPPY! BETTY HAS A LOT MORE JOY AND LOVE THAN YOU. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

OTTO B.
BISMARCK, N.D.

DEAR OTTO:

I THOUGHT I WAS HAVING FUN, FILLING MY LIFE WITH ALL THE THINGS MONEY CAN BUY, BUT MY FRIEND BETTY IS RIGHT! ONLY GOD CAN FILL A LIFE WITH TRUE JOY!

VERONICA

DEAR ARCHIE:

I'M A LOT LIKE YOU! I DON'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE, BUT IT ALWAYS SEEMS TO FIND ME. IN THE COMICS IT'S FUNNY, BUT IN REAL LIFE IT HURTS!

HOW DO YOU FEEL DEEP DOWN INSIDE WHEN YOU MESS UP SO MUCH?

RAY T.
GRAND RAPIDS, MI.

DEAR RAY:

I FEEL THE SAME WAY YOU DO! NO ONE WANTS TO MAKE A MISTAKE AND HAVE PEOPLE MOCK YOU OUT!

IT'S DIFFERENT WITH JESUS! HE FORGIVES OUR MISTAKES WHEN WE'RE SORRY AND HE LIFTS US UP WHEN WE'RE DOWN! ARCHIE

DEAR BIG ETHEL:

DON'T LET ANYONE CALL YOU UGLY! GOD MADE YOU AND HE DON'T MAKE NO JUNK! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

NICK T.
BRONX, N.Y.

DEAR NICK:

YOU REALLY MADE MY DAY!

BIG ETHEL

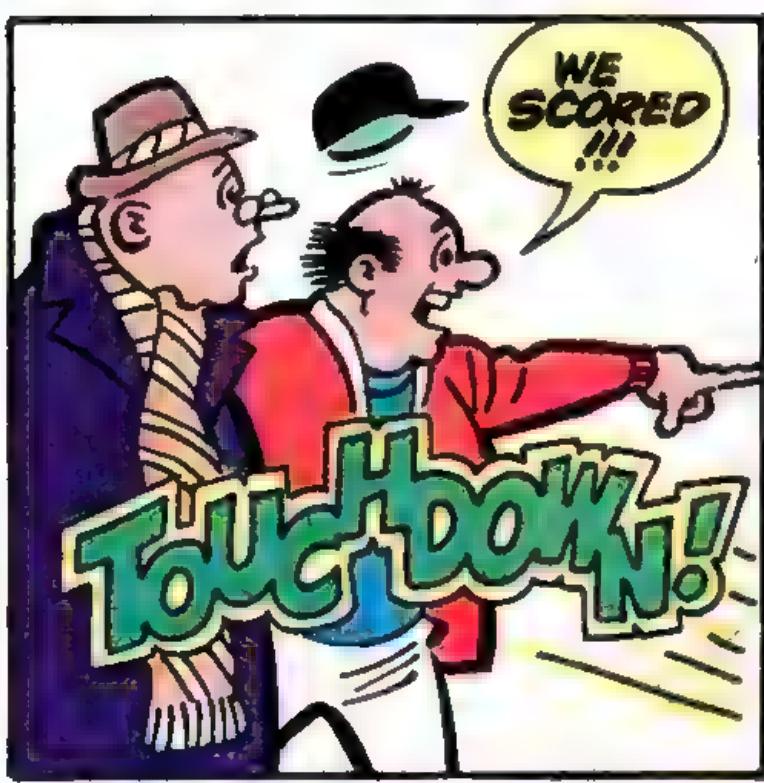
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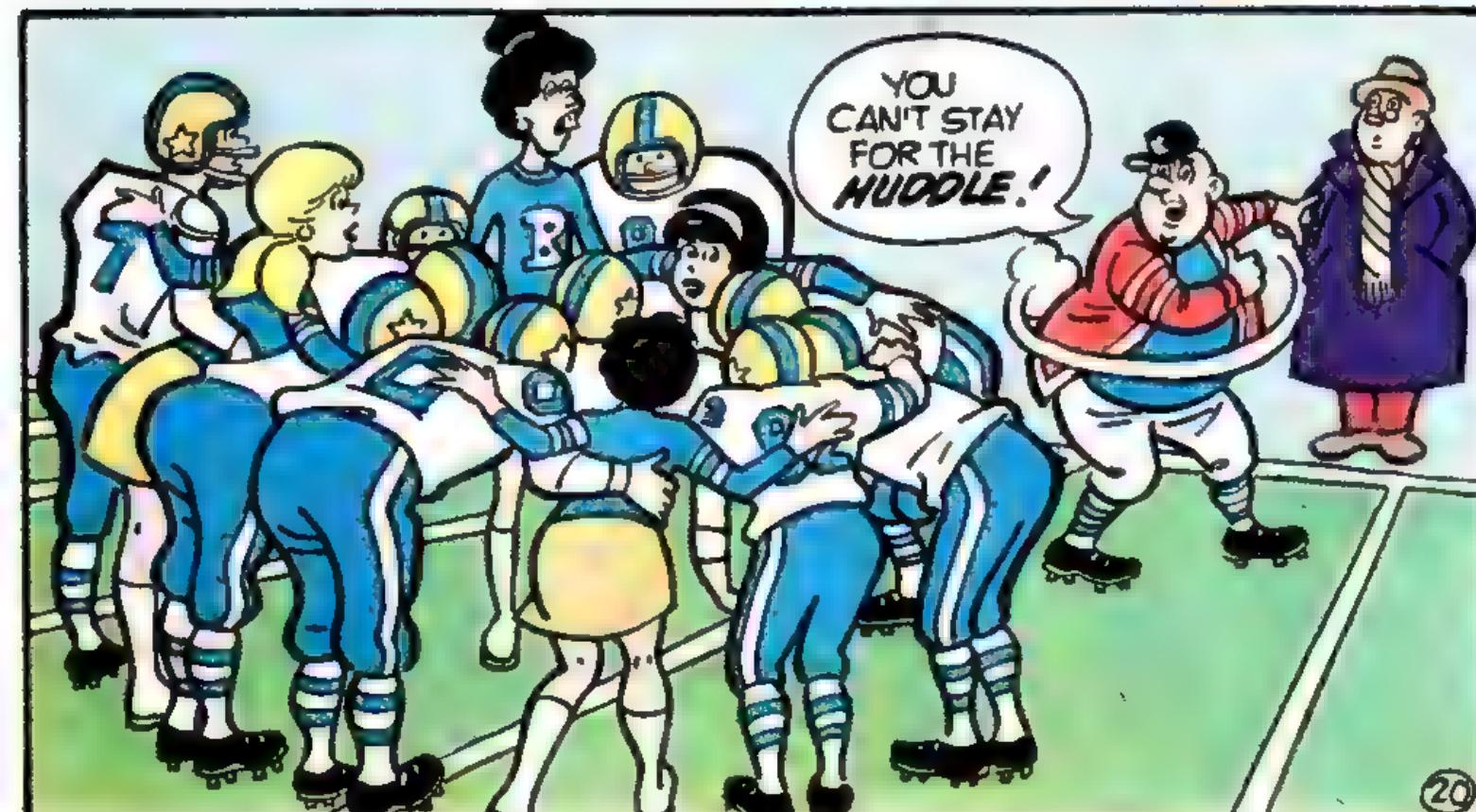
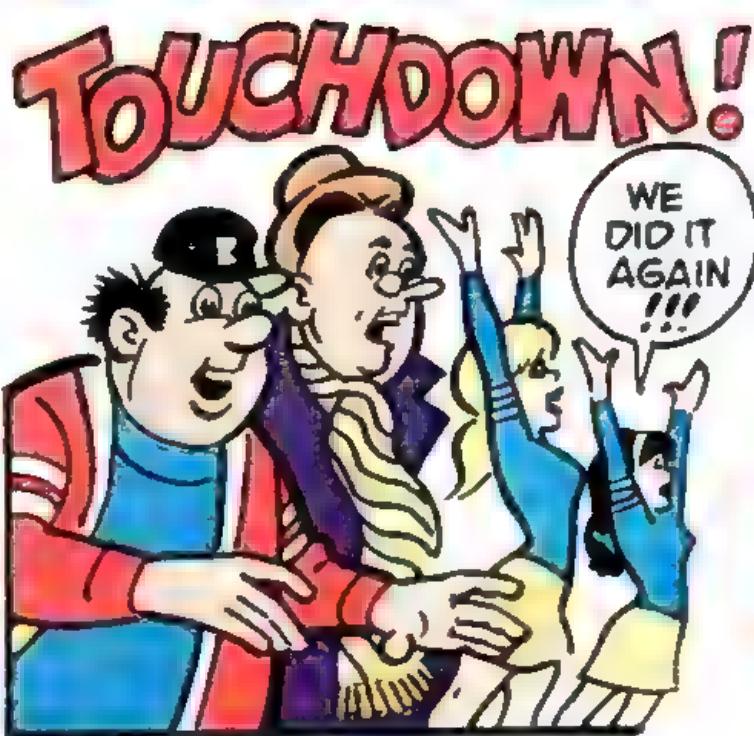
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MISS HAGGLY



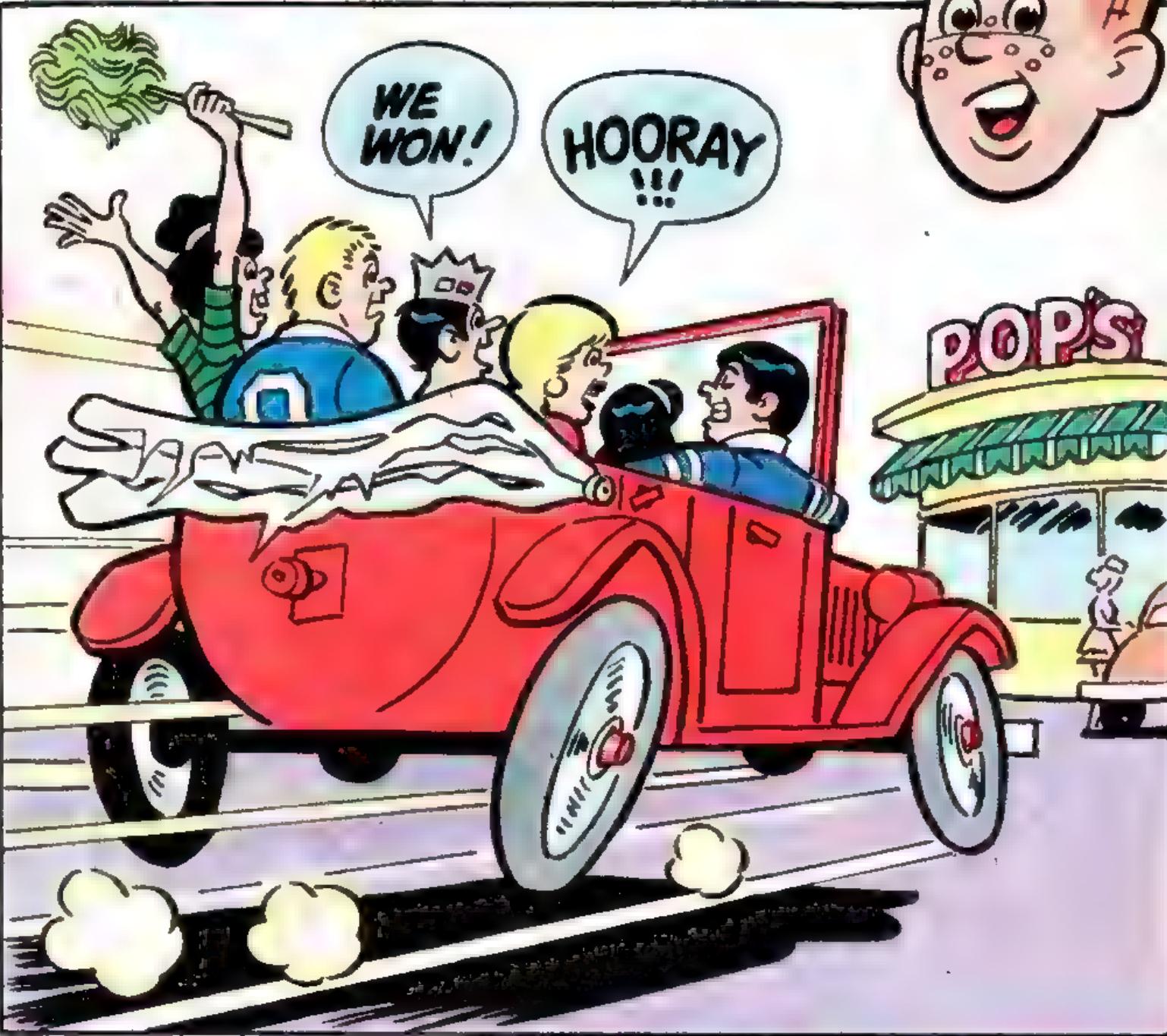






Archie

THE WINNERS!



YOU CAN PUT JUNK ON YOUR HAMBURGER...

...BUT DON'T SPOIL OUR VICTORY!



WELL, IT'S TRUE !!! IF WINNING IS ALL THAT COUNTS, YOU CAN BE A HERO ONE WEEK...

...AND A BUM THE NEXT!



I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT HOW YOU PLAY THE GAME!



SOME PLAYERS WIN BY CHEATING!

WHAT KIND OF VICTORY IS THAT?



I GUESS IT DEPENDS ON THE SCORE - KEEPER !!!



IF YOU PLAY GOD'S WAY YOU'LL BE A WINNER !!!





WHEN I JOG,
I THANK HIM
FOR THE AIR
I BREATHE!

WHEN I
EAT, I THANK
GOD FOR MY
FOOD!

I THANK HIM
FOR MY HEALTHY
BODY!

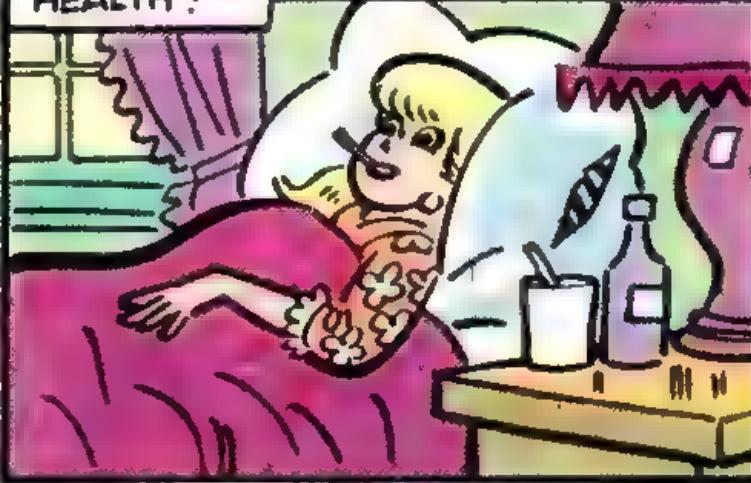
AND A
HEALTHY MIND
AND SPIRIT!

I THANK HIM
FOR FRIENDS WHO
CARE FOR ME!

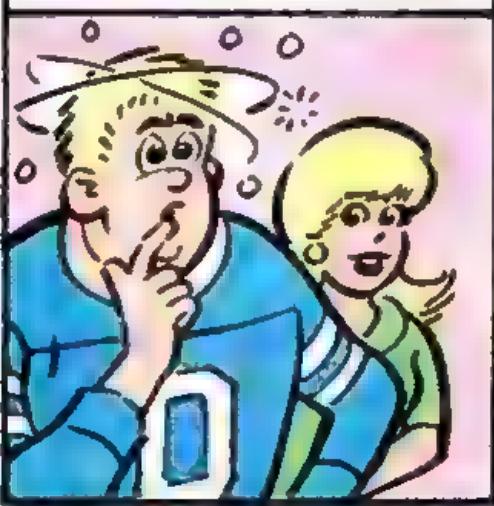
WHEN I'M HURT, GOD COMFORTS ME!



WHEN I'M SICK, HE RESTORES MY HEALTH!



HE GIVES ME PATIENCE!



HE HELPS ME TO BE KIND!



HE PREVENTS JEALOUSY!



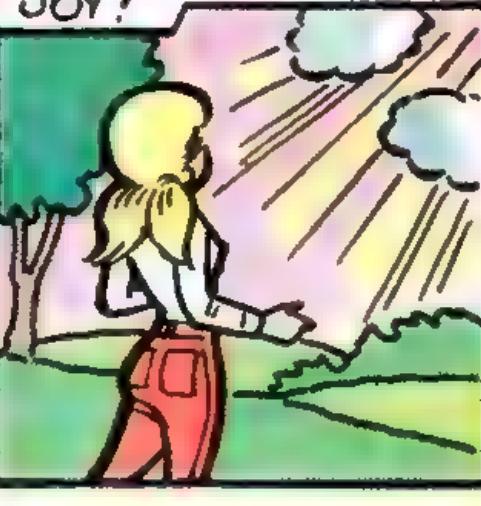
HE PREVENTS ANGER!



HE IS ALWAYS WITH ME!



HE GIVES ME LOVE AND JOY!



DID YOU KNOW THAT BETTY IS GOING STEADY WITH JESUS?



Archie

THE GAME PLAN!



WE CAN'T
WIN WITHOUT
A GAME
PLAN!

THIS
IS MY
GAME
PLAN!

EVERYBODY
SHOULD HAVE A
GAME PLAN FOR
THEIR LIFE!

WHAT'S YOUR
GAME PLAN,
JUG?

AFTER
GRADUATION,
I'LL OPEN A
RESTAURANT
AND CREATE
DELICIOUS
FOOD!

MY PLAN IS
TO WIN AN
**ATHLETIC
SCHOLARSHIP**
!!!

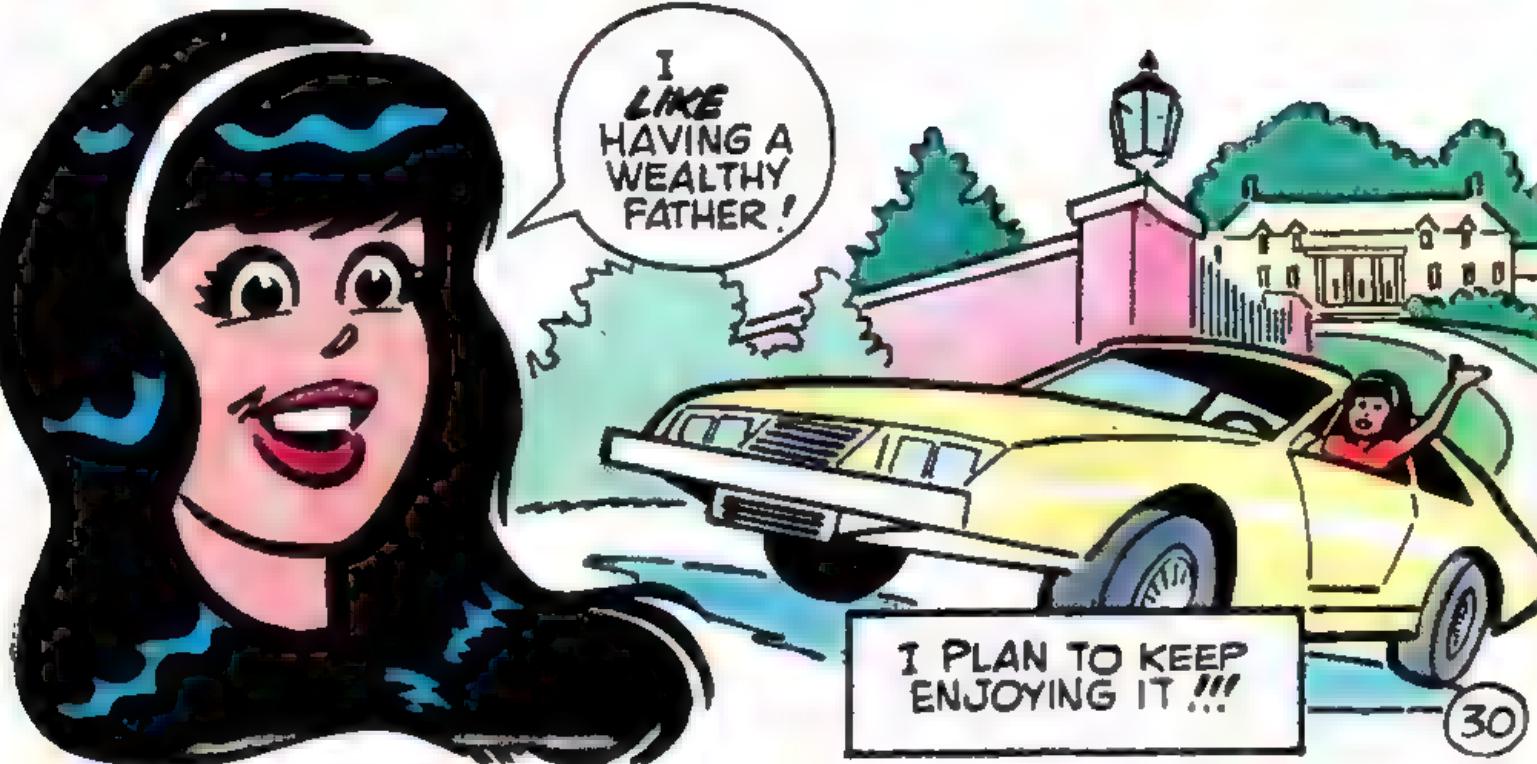
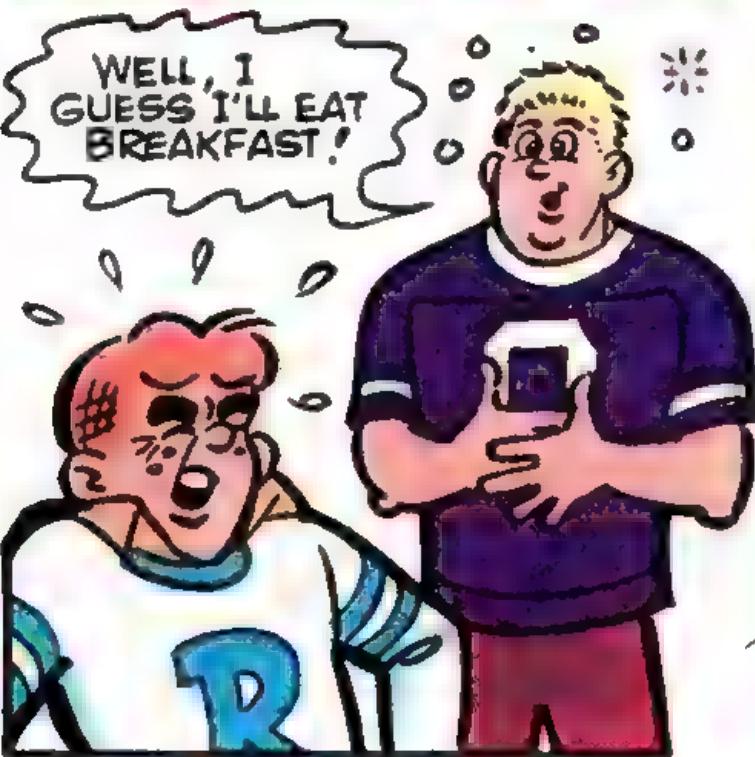
THEN I'LL
MAKE ALL
AMERICAN
!!!

I'LL PLAY
PRO BALL!

I'LL END UP IN THE
HALL OF FAME!

MY
PLAN IS TO
INVENT
THINGS FOR
MANKIND
!!!

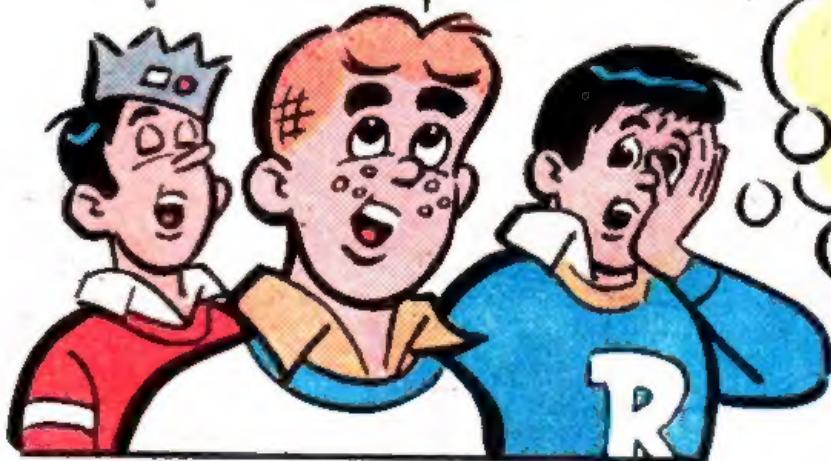




WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
ARCH
???

WELL,
MAYBE
I'LL BE AN
ARCHITECT
!!!

AN
ARCHITECT
???



OR
MAYBE AN
AIRLINE
PILOT!

A
PILOT
???



MAYBE A
DOCTOR
!!!

A
DOCTOR
???



THERE
ARE **LOTS** OF
GAME PLANS
WE CAN
CHOOSE!

BUT,
THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY
TO BE A
WINNER
!!!

JESUS

WE'VE GOT
GOD'S
GAME
PLAN
!!!

Lee Hartley

GOD'S GAME PLAN FOR YOU!

THE **BEST** FOR YOU!

SPIRE

SPIRE

YOU AND I SHARE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH SPIRE COMICS! WE ENJOY ALL THE THINGS THAT MAKE COMICS EXCITING... PLUS THE EXTRAS THAT FILL THE SPIRE SERIES... PRAYER, FAITH AND A REAL DESIRE TO SEEK GOD'S BEST FOR OUR LIVES!

WE TAKE A SLICE OF LIFE IN EACH ISSUE AND PUT IT ALONGSIDE GOD'S WORD, AND WE SEE HOW PERFECTLY THE BIBLE FITS OUR LIVES!



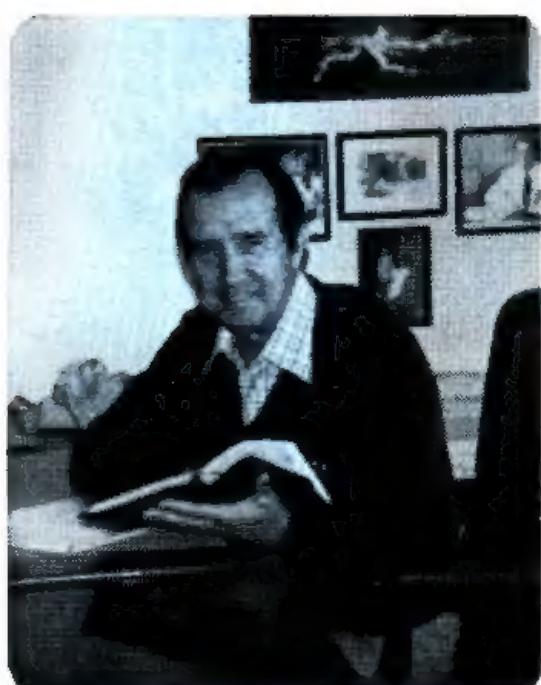
GOD LOVES YOU! HE WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU!

- GOD CREATED YOU AND GAVE YOU **FREEDOM OF CHOICE**!
- YOU'RE FREE TO ACCEPT GOD'S LOVE, OR **REJECT IT**!
- ACCEPTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS JOY, PEACE AND ETERNAL LIFE!
- REJECTING GOD'S LOVE BRINGS TROUBLE AND CONFLICT!
- GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOUR LIFE STYLE AND YOUR MISTAKES!
- GOD SENT JESUS TO FORGIVE YOU AND TAKE AWAY YOUR GUILT!
- JESUS MAKES YOU THE KIND OF PERSON GOD KNOWS YOU CAN BE!

GOD'S PROMISE :

WHEN JESUS COMES INTO YOUR LIFE, YOU BECOME A BRAND-NEW PERSON! EVERYTHING CHANGES FOR THE BETTER! A NEW LIFE BEGINS!"

SEE 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17



YOU CAN PRAY THIS PRAYER RIGHT NOW... AND KNOW HOW MUCH GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU!

GOD, I WANT YOUR LOVE AND FORGIVENESS! (CONFESS YOUR SINS TO GOD) PLEASE HELP ME TO LET JESUS BECOME MY LORD AND SAVIOUR! I WANT YOUR BEST FOR MY LIFE. AMEN

YOU'LL FIND IT HELPFUL TO READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!* WHEN YOU PRAY, GIVE GOD A CHANCE TO SPEAK TO YOU! ATTEND CHURCH AND JOIN A BIBLE-STUDY GROUP. THE MORE YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PROMISES, THE MORE YOU'LL KNOW HIS BEST FOR YOUR LIFE!

Trust God and He will bless you!

as Hartley

* START BY READING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

SPIRE COMICS

(SPIRE)

(SPIRE)



ENJOY THEM ALL!

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